

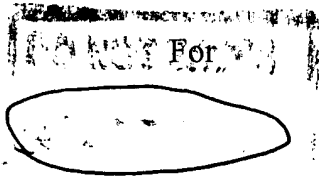


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Dr. Gunter HALMSCHLAGER et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1731
Appln. No. : 09/482,263)
) Examiner: E. Hug
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: BELT FOR MACHINES FOR PRODUCING MATERIAL WEBS AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE BELT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of August 29, 2002, the period for response extending until November 29, 2002, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached as an Appendix):

19. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:

a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and arranged to form interstices; and

a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable,

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